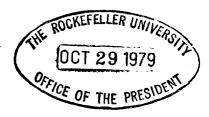


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Dr. Carl F. Nathan
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Dear Carl:

I received your letter of October 19 with a mixture of surprise and regret. I hope very much that you have not been "subjected" to some irregular pressures from Bethesda. In any event, I wish you the best of luck in your work and hope that your decision was not influenced in any significant way by the initial complexity of making administrative arrangements here.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of your letter to both Josh Lederberg and Dave Lyons, so that they will know the conclusion of our recent exchanges.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Rodney W. Nichols
Executive Vice President

cc: President Joshua Lederberg
Mr. David Lyons, Vice President
and Controller